

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 5, lines 2-11, please delete the existing text and replace it with the following text:

~~Fig. 1 is a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.~~

~~Fig. 2 is a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.~~

~~Fig. 3 is a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.~~

~~Fig. 4 is a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.~~

~~Fig. 5 is a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.~~

Fig. 1a is one half of a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.

Fig. 1b is the other half of the flow chart of Fig. 1a.

Fig. 2a is one half of a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.

Fig. 2b is the other half of the flow chart of Fig. 2a.

Fig. 3a is one half of a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.

Fig. 3b is the other half of the flow chart of Fig. 3a.

Fig. 4a is one half of a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.

Fig. 4b is the other half of the flow chart of Fig. 4a.

Fig. 5a is one half of a flow chart which schematically illustrates a dehairing process according to the present invention.

Fig. 5b is the other half of the flow chart of Fig. 5a.